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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
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RE: FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Environmental Law & Policy Center ("ELPC") is requesting: **any documents relating to selection of the Mississippi River crossing location for the proposed Cardinal–Hickory Creek Transmission Line, including which alternatives were considered and why those alternatives were rejected.** We anticipate that these documents will include, at a minimum, correspondence and other information related to EPA's participation in the preparation of the Alternative Crossings Analysis (April 2016) and the RUS-led DEIS (November 2018) for this proposed project.

ELPC requests that any responsive records be provided in electronic format, if possible. ELPC is a not-for-profit corporation and requests a fee waiver pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), because disclosure of the information sought is in the public interest. The information is likely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's activities to move forward with the proposed Cardinal–Hickory Creek transmission line. Please contact me before taking any action that would result in fees being charged.

If you find that this request is unclear in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me so I can clarify the request or otherwise expedite and simplify your efforts to comply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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